Profits and Losses Incurred by Cooperative and Rural Banks

3221. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of average profits earned or loss incurred by the Central Cooperative Banks and the Regional Rural Banks in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the steps taken to ensure that these banks do not incur loss in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House to the extent possible.

Deposit and Disbursement by RRBs

3222. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed the working of Regional Rural Banks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the amount of deposits and disbursements by these banks in Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and Haryana during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The Working of the Regional Rural Banks (RRBs) is monitored by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) and Government at regular intervals to review their performance. However, the sharp increase in establishment expenses on account of revised pay and allowances to RRBs staff as per National Industrial Tribunal (NIT) Award has accentuated the viability problems of these institutions. Government of India and Reserve Bank of India are seized of the problems and appropriate measures are taken to improve their functioning and viability.

(c) The information is being collected and to the extent available will be laid on the Table of the House.

Housing Loans Provided by LIC in UP and Bihar

3223. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:

(a) Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 763 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1992 and state the number of housing loans provided so far by LIC in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): The material is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

3224. [*Transferred to 18 December, 1992*]

Failure to open new branches by United Bank of India in Noth East

3225. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United Bank of India has failed to open its new branches in the North East Zone despite instructions from the Reserve Bank of India; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Under branch licensing policy 1985-90

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) had allotted 79 rural and semi-urban centres to United Bank of India for opening branches in the North-Eastern Region. The bank has opened offices at 65 centres. Thus, it would not be correct to state that United Bank of India has failed to open branches in the North Eastern Region. The reason for delay of opening branches at the allotted centres has been lack of basic infrastructural facilities. In addition, in Manipur the security aspect has also been a constraint in opening branches. RBI has advised the Bank to approach the State Government for providing necessary infrastructural facilites. The validity period of the pending licences has been extended upto 31st March, 1993 to enable the banks to open branches at the allotted centres.

Functioning of United Bank of India, Guwahati

3226. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the zonal office of the United Bank of India at Guwahati has failed to fulill its objectives due to the apathetic attitude of the Banks Headquarters at Calcutta as a result of which the industrial relations of the bank are suffering; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the situation and restore the credibility of the bank and the confidence of the employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Information is being collected, and to the extent available, will be laid on the Table of the House.

World Bank Assistance for Health and Education Programmes

3227. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are in the process of finalising a Rs. 500 crore aid from the World Bank under the social safety net programme for several health and education programme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

Recently a credit for $ 500 million has been negotiated with the World Bank for the Social Safety Net Programme. The main areas covered by the programme are:—

(i) Primary education

(ii) Primary health care

(iii) Disease Control and Nutrition

(iv) National Renewal Fund (NRF) for workers affected by Industrial restructuring.

Offer of Credit by Germany

3228. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the German Government has offered a credit of Rs. 150 crores at a very low rate of interest with repayment to be made over 50 years and a 10 year moratorium; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) A Financial Cooperation Agreement providing DM 427.304 million (approx. Rs. 683.69 crores) for the year 1992 has